

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Research and Special Programs
Administration**

49 CFR Part 177

[Docket HM-203, Advance Notice No. 88-3]

**Highway Routing Standards for
Hazardous Materials; Extension of
Comment Period**

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs
Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Extension of time to file
comments.

SUMMARY: On April 7, 1988, RSPA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) in the Federal Register (53 FR 11618), Docket HM-203, (Notice No. 88-3) which invited public comment on the possible need to establish routing criteria, requirements, and methodologies for analyzing alternative routes for the highway transportation of non-radioactive hazardous materials. RSPA has received petitions from the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) and the Institute of Makers of Explosives (IME) requesting extension of the comment period in order to evaluate the proposals contained in the ANPRM. RSPA concurs with their request and this notice extends that comment period.

DATE: The date for filing the comments is extended from October 11, 1988 to December 13, 1988.

ADDRESS: Address comments to Docket Unit (DIHM-30), Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation, RSPA, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should identify the docket and notice number and be submitted, when possible, in five copies. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Unit is located in Room 8421 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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